

Commission on Motor Vehicles for Hire
Town Hall, Old Town Road
Tuesday, May 28, 2013
8:30 a.m.

Present: Vincent J. McAloon, Connie LaRue, Monica Hull Shea, Brad Marthens and Geoffrey Lawrence after the first vote.

Chair Vin McAloon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Recommendation to Town Council for vacant Taxi license

- **Receive and Act on Mitzi Berlin's taxi license refusal**

It was noted that Mitzi Berlin has given up her license (see attached).

A motion was made by Brad Marthens and seconded by Monica Hull Shea to accept the license refusal.

Ayes 4 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens) Nays 0 Absent 1(Lawrence)

- **Receive and act on Don Thimble's letter for vacant taxi license**

Don Thimble's letter asking to hold off on taking the license for this year was received and discussed. (see attached)

A motion to accept Don Thimble's request to hold the license for one year and to have him remain #1 on the waiting list was made by Monica Hull Shea and seconded by Brad Marthens.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

- **Discuss and act on recommendation to retire taxi license**

There was discussion about the number of taxi's on the road.

A motion was made by Monica Hull Shea and seconded by Brad Marthens to recommend that the Town Council reduce the number of taxi licenses from 34 to 32 citing that there was adequate coverage for late nights.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

Act on recommendation for waiting list – Patrick Tengwall

A motion was made by Monica Hull Shea and seconded by Brad Marthens to add Patrick Tengwall to the taxi waiting list.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

Discuss and act on Regulations:

Town Clerk Molly Fitzpatrick was working on the attached rough draft of regulations with Town Solicitor Kathy Merolla. After discussion the Commission approved adoption of the rules and regulations in a motion by Brad Marthens and seconded by Monica Hull Shea. It will be ratified when it is presented in its final form.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

Henry Peterson asked that the Commission address the problem of drivers refusing fares.

Discussion about drivers being in line and the first fare that approaches them is a \$6.00 fare. The first driver in line refuses the fare to wait for a higher fare and sends the fare to the next cab in line and retains the first spot. It was thought that this was not fair to the other drivers or the customer. The Motor Vehicle for Hire Commission would like to request an ordinance amendment. They request that the Council have Kathy Merolla, Town Solicitor to work up language to address this issue.

A motion was made by Connie LaRue and seconded by Brad Marthens to have an ordinance amendment to address refusal to take a fare. It should include that the first cab in line takes the first fare (if feasible, i.e. bike racks, unruly passengers, driver safety, etc.) If they refuse the first fare because of price, they then have to move to the back of the line.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

Approval of minutes March 18, Marcy 26, March 12, April 30 and May 8.

Minutes were approved separately in a motion by Monica Hull Shea and seconded by Connie LaRue.

Ayes 5 (McAloon, LaRue, Hull Shea, Marthens, Lawrence) Nays 0

Next meeting: June 19th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

At 9:02 meeting was adjourned in a motion by Ms. Hull-Shea and seconded by Mr. Lawrence and voted unanimously.

Minutes accepted:

Bonny Ryan